Nadu are available in the basis of a national sample survey conducted during 1981, the International Year of Disabled Persons.

Deterioration in teaching standards of Government and Government aided schools in Delhi

3215. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the *Statesman* dated the 5th October, 1988 regarding deterioration in the teaching performance of Government and Government aided schools in Delhi: and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to examine the causes for deterioration in the teaching standards in the schools and the manner in which Government propose to bring about an overall improvement in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, as per Delhi Administration the pass percentage of Xth standard in annual examination results was 54.7 during 1986-87 and 80.1 during 1987-88 and that of XIIth standard was 75.6 during 1986-87 and 86.1 during 1987-88 and, thus, the performance of Government and Government Aided Schools is satisfactory. In order to further improve the quality of education in schools in Delhi, programmes like mass orientation programme for school teachers, Operation Blackboard, Vocational Education and Science Education schemes started by the Ministry are being implemented by Delhi Administration.

Sarda Ukil School of Art, New Delhi

3216. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Art School of the denowned artist Sarda Ukil, whose birh centenary was celebrated recently, possesses only one painting of the artist and that the art school has been completely neglected;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any exercise to identify the causes for the school's deterioration; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof, stating the steps contemplated by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The Sarda Ukil School of Art, Delhi is a private institution receiving grant-in-aid from Delhi Administration. It has been ascertained that the school does not possess any panting of Sarda Ukil. An enquiry into the affairs of the School has shown that it is not functioning satisfactorily. The Delhi Administration is persuading the management of the School to make good the inadequacies.

Awarding of catering contract by Air India to a West German firm

3217. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a catering contract has been given by Air India to a West German firm;